

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 20th April 2014**

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## **IRTS 2m Counties Contest**

The 2m Counties Contest takes place tomorrow Easter Monday 21st April. The closing date for the submission of logs is 5th May. Full details on rules and regulations is available on [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests)

Everyone on 2m is encouraged to participate.

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## **IRTS Publications**

The IRTS publications are only as good as the contributors; the information, material received for publication. All members are invited to get those fingers typing and those cameras clicking to produce material for both publications.

The current deadline for both publications is 21st April 2014.

Contributions for both publications and for the Radio News should go to [newsteam@irts /dot/ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 22nd May in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 30th April. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination

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## **Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club**

The annual rally of LEARC takes place on Sunday 11th May in the Share Centre,

Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, BT92 0EQ.

The Club are doing their very best to make it easy for traders to attend by introducing FREE tables, that is, no charge to traders who pre-book their tables.

As space is limited you are encouraged to pre-book your tables now. Doors open at 11.30am. Comprehensive information is available on [www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will holding a meeting in Hannons Hotel Roscommon town on Friday the 2nd May at 20.30.

All members are requested to attend and anybody wishing to join is always welcome. For further info please see [www.shannonbasinradioclub.com](http://www.shannonbasinradioclub.com) or contact brian ei8iu on 0861057325 or at [brianei8iu@eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net).

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### **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club**

In March the Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club were proud to receive an award as RSGB regional club of the year 2014. This award entered the club into the national competition, where at the RSGB AGM in Manchester the clubs Secretary Brian MI0TGO was pleased to receive on behalf of the club a certificate and cash prize for achieving third place in the RSGB National Club of the Year awards.

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### **North Cork Radio Group**

North Cork Radio Group are pleased to confirm our attendance once again this year for Marconi Weekend at Mizen Head Signal Station, Co Cork for April 25th to 27th, the call sign used will be EI0IMD and we look forward to working you all.

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### **New Counties Contest**

The Society has decided to pilot a 40 metre Counties Contest this year: the date is Sunday 18th May, from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC and there are sections for fixed stations and portable stations, using SSB only or both SSB and CW; there is also a section for Shortwave Listeners. As with the existing counties contests, the 32 EI and GI counties are multipliers.

In order to encourage overseas participation in our HF Counties contests, a separate award is available in each section for overseas entrants. It is likely that callers to EI and GI stations may be interested in Worked All Ireland details, so participants are advised to have their WAI square information to hand.

See [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for more details, including the Rules and the deadline for logs. Note in particular the rules about frequencies and modes.

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### **Four Meter Addition To Mt. Leinster Repeater**

A four meter port has been added to the 70 centimeter repeater EI7MLR. The repeater which is on RU76 (430.950MHz +7.6MHz) is licensed to the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and located at Mt. Leinster Co. Carlow. This port allows access to the repeater from the four meter band. The frequency is 70.400 MHz and a tone of 67Hz is required to access it. The output power is 10 watts into a folded dipole antenna. Reports to sirnrepeaters/at/gmail/ dot/com.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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